



# Space Communications and Navigation Overview

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# SCaN Networks



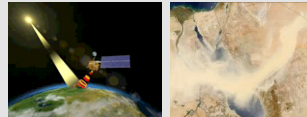
## Manned Missions



## Sub-Orbital Missions



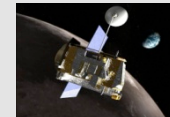
## Earth Science Missions



## Space Science Missions



## Lunar Missions



## Solar System Exploration



- **DSN**
- **NEN/NASA**
- **NEN/Commercial**
- **NEN/Partner**
- **SN**

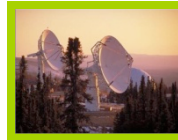
**Alaska Satellite Facility**  
Fairbanks, Alaska



**Partner Station:**  
Gilmore Creek, Alaska



**USN Alaska**  
Poker Flat & North Pole, Alaska



**Madrid Complex**  
Madrid, Spain



**Kongsberg Satellite Services (KSAT)**  
Svalbard, Norway



**Swedish Space Corp. (SSC)**  
Kiruna, Sweden



**German Space Agency (DLR)**  
Weilheim, Germany



**Goldstone Complex**  
Fort Irwin, California



**USN Hawaii**  
South Point, Hawaii



**White Sands Complex**  
White Sands, New Mexico



**White Sands Ground Terminal,**  
White Sands, New Mexico

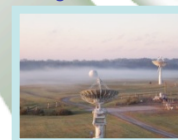
**Merritt Island Launch Annex**  
Merritt Island, Florida



**University of Chile**  
Santiago, Chile



**Wallops Ground Station**  
Wallops, Virginia



**McMurdo Ground Station**  
McMurdo Base, Antarctica



**Canberra Complex**  
Canberra, Australia



**USN Australia**  
Dongara, Australia



**Guam Remote Ground Terminal**  
Guam, Mariana Islands





# SCaN Networks- (cont'd)



## Space Network



## Near Earth Network



### DESCRIPTION

## Deep Space Network



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Global orbital satellite communications fleet</li><li>• Optimized for <i>continuous, high data rate</i> communications</li><li>• Critical for <i>human spaceflight safety &amp; critical event coverage</i></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• World-wide network of stations</li><li>• Evolved from fully NASA-owned to portfolio of <i>owned assets and procured commercial services (greater than 50%)</i></li><li>• <i>Surge capability through partnerships</i> (e.g., NOAA)</li><li>• Optimized for <i>cost-effective, high data rate services</i></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Three station global network of large-scale antennas</li><li>• Focused on detecting and differentiating faint signals from stellar noise</li><li>• Optimized for <i>data capture from deep space distances orders of magnitude above near Earth</i></li></ul> |
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### SAMPLE MISSIONS

Space Shuttle  
International Space Station  
Hubble Space Telescope

Aqua, Aura  
Lunar Recon. Orbiter  
QuikSCat

Mars Rovers  
Cassini  
Spitzer Space Telescope





# NASA Telecommunications Policy

- NASA Policy Directive 8074.1, Management and Utilization of NASA's Space Communication and Navigation Infrastructure, states NASA Mission Directorates shall:
  - Use SCaN networks to meet their communication and navigation requirements for human and robotic space missions
  - Where appropriate and cost-effective for the Agency, MDs, in coordination with the SCaN Program Office, may use pre-existing infrastructure external to NASA for this purpose, as long as no new facilities are constructed using NASA funds
  - Not design or develop space C&N infrastructures independent of SCaN NASA is planning on transitioning to Ka-band in the future due to congestion in other bands
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  - SMD decision to do so starting with missions launching in 2015
  - Thus the AO specifies the use of Ka-band for science telemetry, unless the bandwidth used for science data downlink conforms to SFCG Recommendation 23-1 (<12 MHz bandwidth in deep space, <8 MHz at Mars)
  - In preparation for the retirement of the 70m dishes, SMD has decided on a single 34m policy (see AO for details)

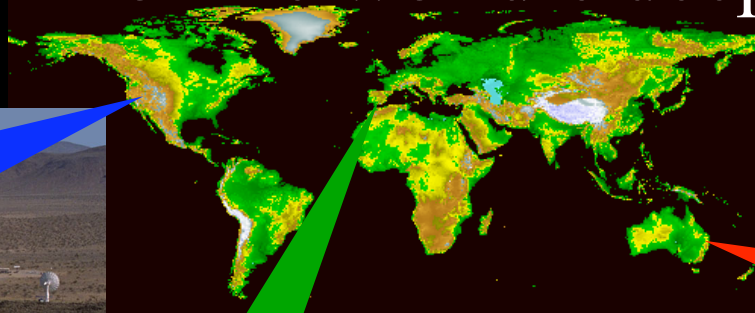




# The Deep Space Network



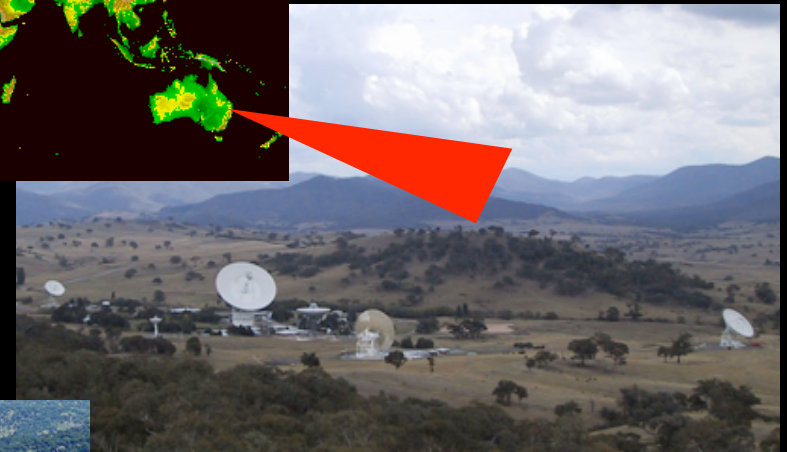
Comprises three major tracking sites around the globe to provide continuous communication and navigation support for the world's deep space missions



***Goldstone***  
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ITT for JPL*



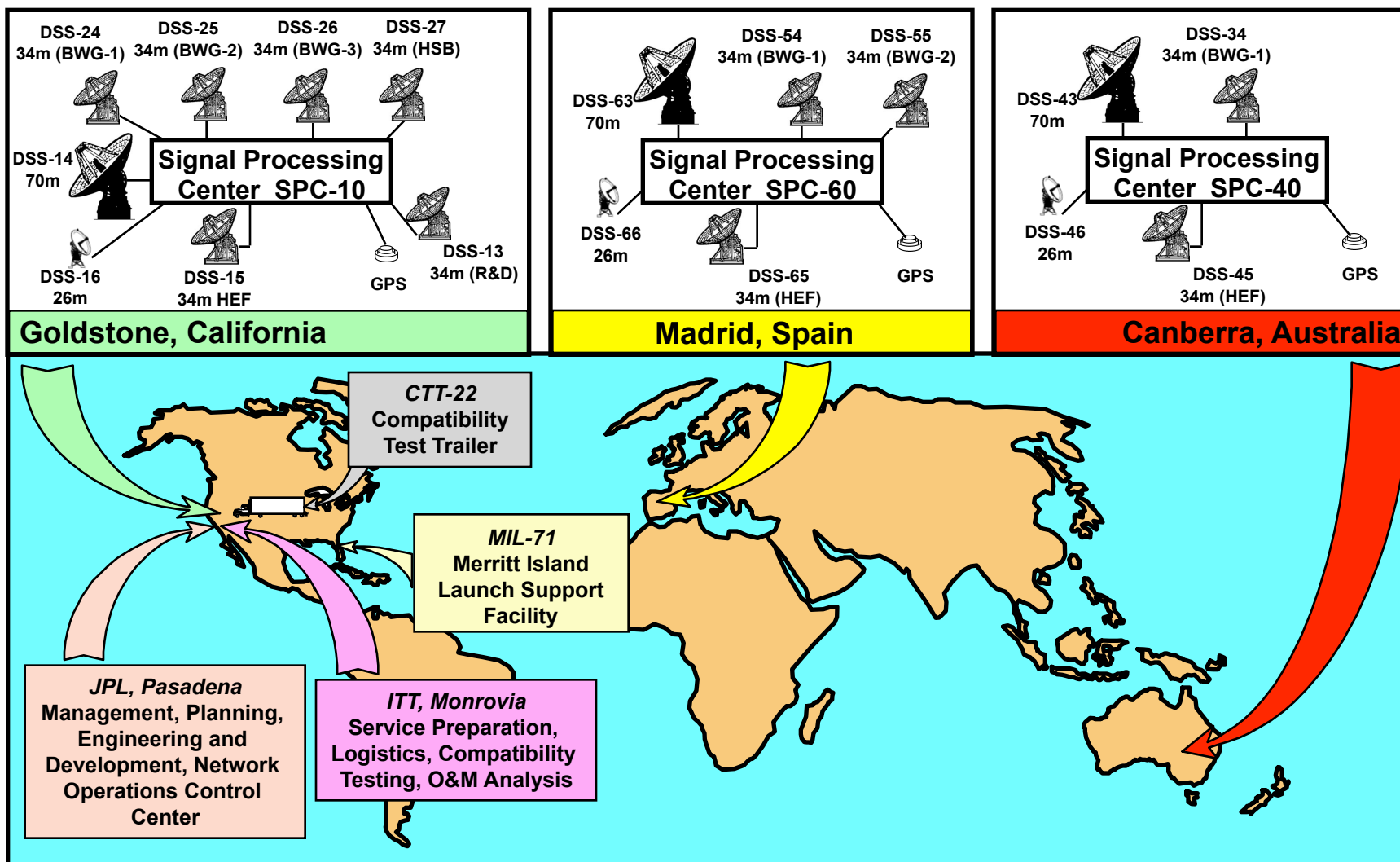
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# DSN Sites





# DSN Configuration Today

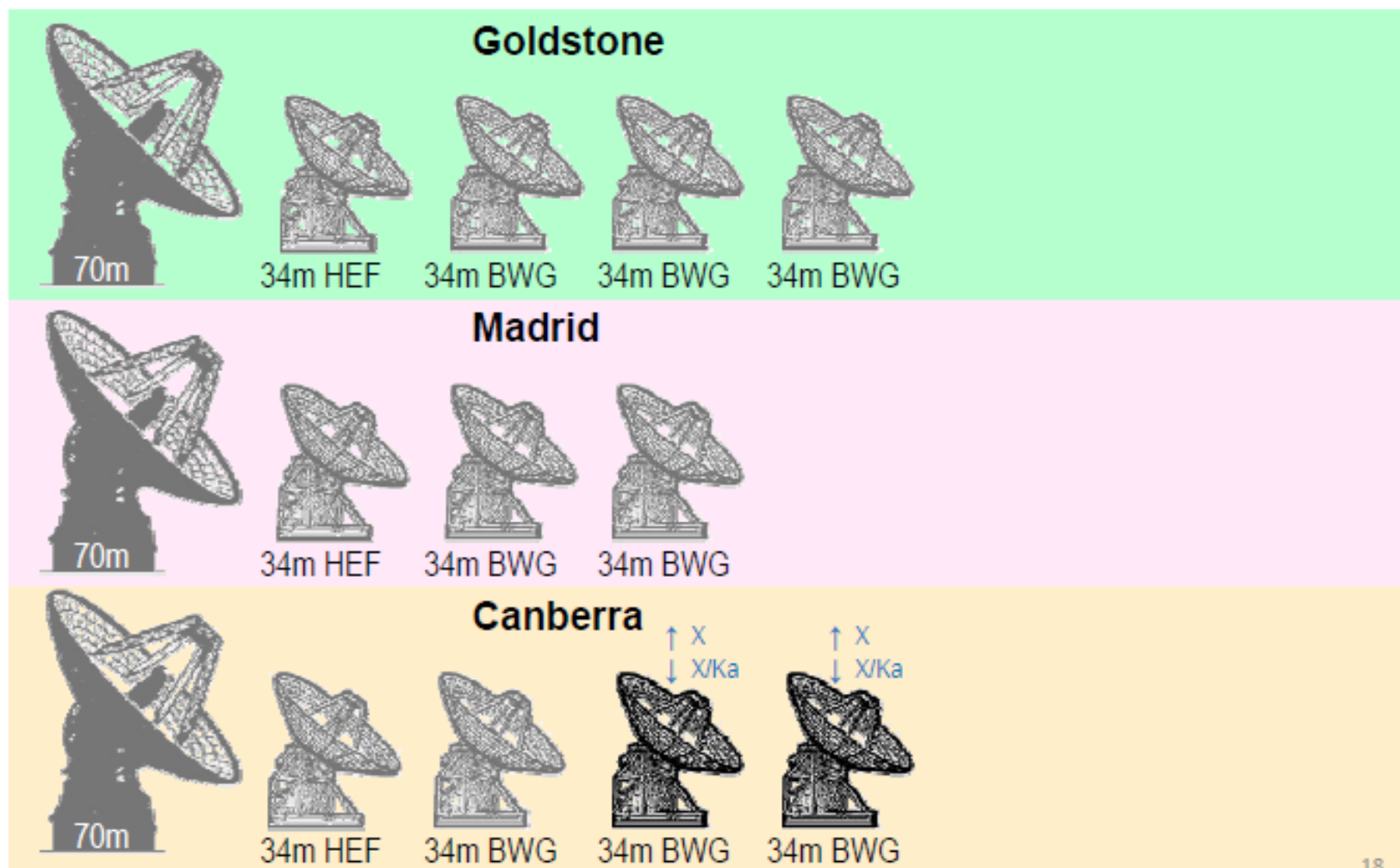


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# DSN Configuration 2016

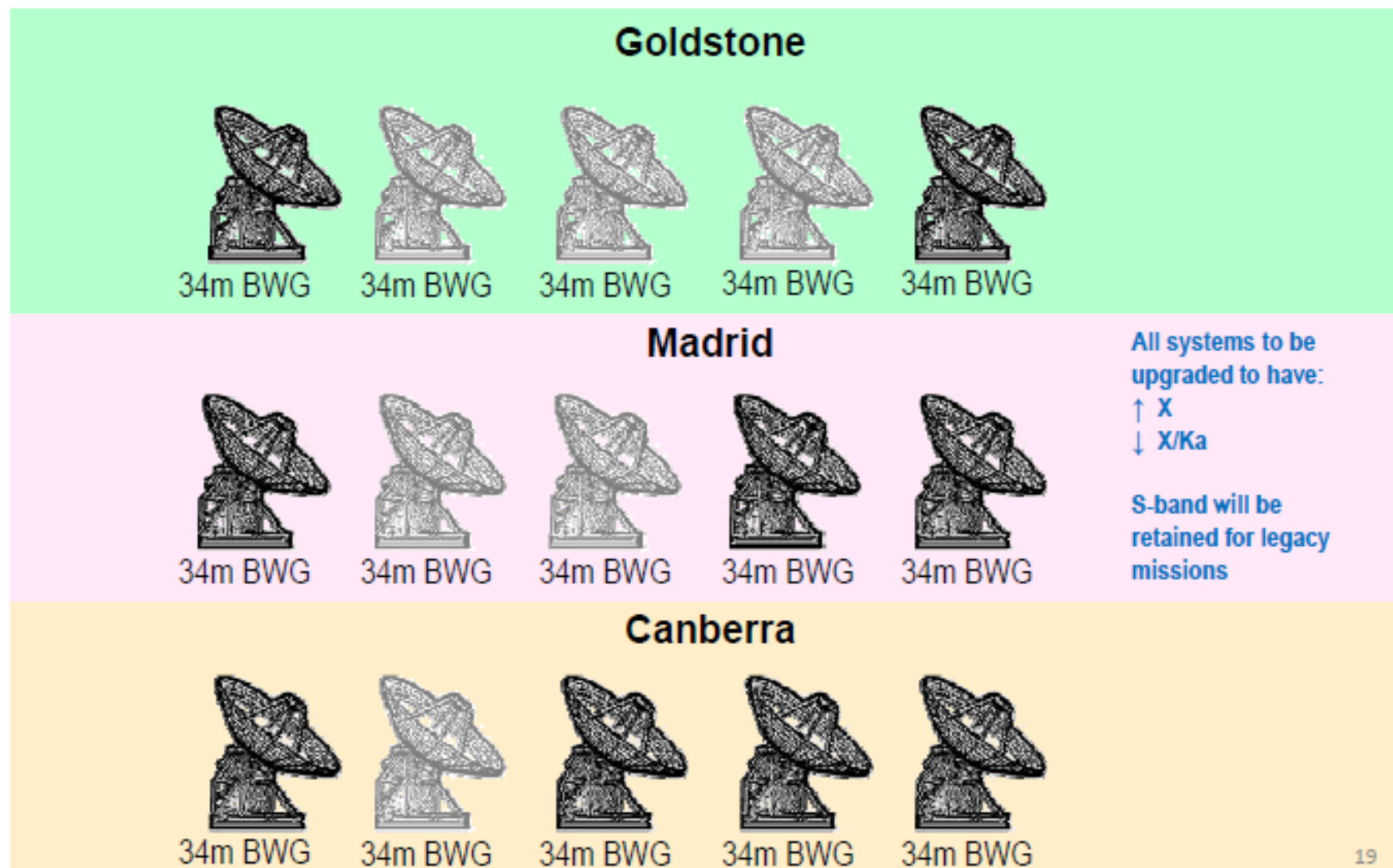


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# DSN Configuration 2025



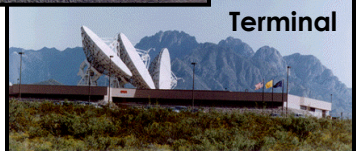
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# Space Network (SN) Overview



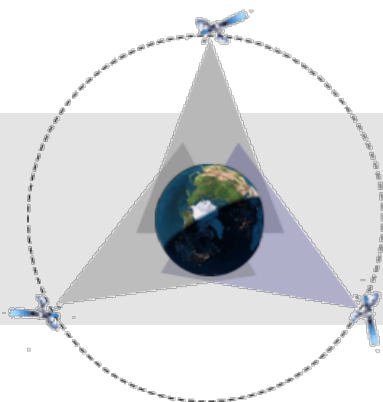
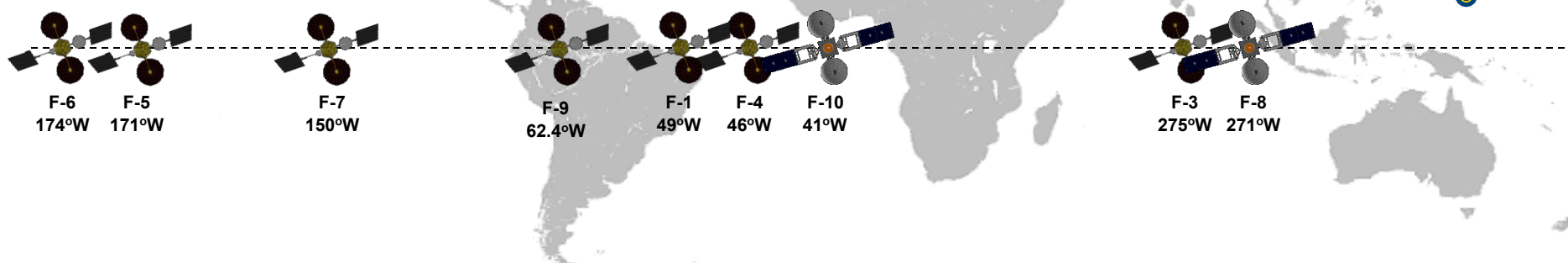
White Sands  
Ground Terminal



Second  
TDRSS  
Ground Terminal



Guam Remote Ground Terminal





# TDRSS Ground Segment (White Sands Complex)



Second TDRSS Ground Terminal (STGT) 18m antennas



White Sands Ground Terminal (WSGT) 19m antennas

- **The Space Network Project operates two functionally identical, geographically separated ground terminals at the White Sands Test Facility**
- **The White Sands Complex has five Space to Ground Link Terminals (SGLT)**
- **Remotely controlled ground unit at Guam and Western Australia**

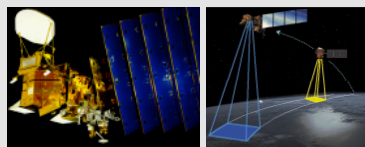




# Near Earth Network Overview



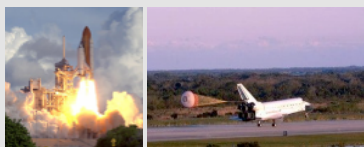
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## Shuttle Launch and Landing



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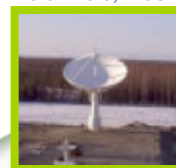
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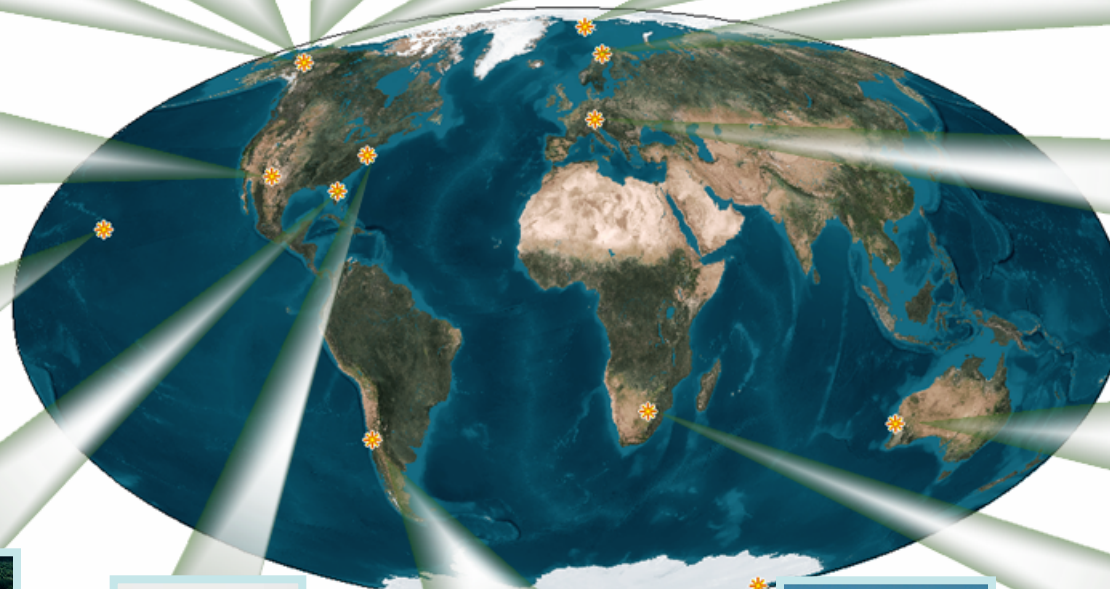
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### USN Australia Dongara, Australia



■ NASA  
■ Commercial  
■ Partner







# SCaN Customer Commitment Offices



- JPL/DSN Commitments Future Planning Office
  - Deep Space Network mission design, proposal support, service agreements and compatibility testing
  - <http://deepspace.jpl.nasa.gov/advmiss>
- GSFC/Network Integration Management Office (NIMO)
  - Space Network and Near Earth Network mission design, proposal support, service agreements and compatibility testing
  - <http://scp.gsfc.nasa.gov/nimo>



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